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Official meetings

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Security Council

10:00	Consultations of the whole (closed) Sudan/South Sudan UNISFA (S/2012/722) Other matters	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02
15:00	Consultations of the whole (closed) Mali Other matters	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda item 75 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

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Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10:00 to 11:30 — 1st meeting — Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Organization of work (A/C.4/67/1, A/C.4/67/L.1*, A/C.4/67/INF/1 and Aide-mémoire 01/12[1] (Requests for hearing))

[Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general discussion on all items of the Committee are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org). Delegations are encouraged to observe the time limits of *10 minutes* for statements by individual Member States, and *15 minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States. Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Ms. Emer Herity, Secretary of the Committee (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-0613C or NL-1033D; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/67/2 will be accepted by e-mail. Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers at https://4thcommittee.unlb.org. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org). Representatives of Member States wishing to be included in the Fourth Committee mailing list are requested to send an e-mail, indicating name, delegation and e-mail address, to Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).]

[1]To be distributed at the meeting.

Fifth Committee

10:00 — 1st meeting — Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Organization of work (A/C.5/67/1 and A/C.5/67/L.1)

Morning[1] to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Informal briefing by Mr. Yukio Takasu, Under-Secretary-General for Management

[Delegations that have not done so are kindly asked to complete form A/INF/67/2, with the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers, and send it to the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, General Assembly Affairs Branch, United Nations, Innovation Building, 300 East 42nd Street (e-mail galindo@un.org; room IN-0608C; fax 1 (212) 963-3783), as well as to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (c/o Ms. Ana Bürgi (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/67/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all agenda items before the Fifth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, Ms. Ana Bürgi (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org). In addition to providing 25 copies of their statement to the Conference Room Officer, delegations are kindly requested to provide an electronic copy to the secretariat of the Committee (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org), prior to the start of the meeting. Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at www.un.org/en/ga/fifth/.]

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 1st meeting.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
	Executive meeting	

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

Main Committees

Second Committee
Informal consultations

The Chair of the Second Committee, His Excellency George Wilfred Talbot (Guyana), will convene informal consultations on improving the working methods of the Second Committee, *today*, 4 October 2012, at 15:00 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Other meetings

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Thursday, 4 October 2012

Group of 77 (on oceans and law of the sea matters)

09:15 to 10:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room D (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Thursday, 4 October 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium [webcast]

12:00 **Press briefing by the Spokesperson**

Announcements

Information session for staff in the missions of the members and observers of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

An information session for staff in the missions of the members and observers of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held *today*, 4 October 2012, from 15:00 to 18:00 in Conference Room TB-09102 (Teachers' Building, 9th Floor, 730 Third Avenue). The main objective of this session is to enable representatives to thoroughly familiarize themselves with the work of the Committee and the Division for Palestinian Rights. Interested staff members of all missions are invited to attend. To confirm participation, please contact Ms. Ruth Valenzuela (e-mail valenzuela2@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8231; fax 1 (212) 963-4199), *by noon today*, 4 October 2012.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

Programme of work and agenda

The agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/251 (see document A/67/252 for the allocation of items). Annotations can be found in document A/67/100 and A/67/100/Add.1. A programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-seventh session are contained in document A/INF/67/4.

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 5 October 2012, at 15:00 in Conference Room 1 (NLB), to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (to be issued as document A/C.1/67/CRP.1). A technical briefing by the Secretariat for delegates of the First Committee will be held in Conference Room 1 (NLB), immediately following the adjournment of the organizational meeting.

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items, from Monday, 8, to Tuesday, 16 October 2012. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9277; room IN-0615A).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of *10 minutes* for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and *15 minutes* for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky, Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1531; room IN-0603J; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/67/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378; room IN-0608B).

Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers on the First Committee QuickFirst Web site https://unishare.un.org/LotusQuickr/quickfirst/Main.nsf. For inquiries regarding QuickFirst, kindly contact Mr. Sergei Cherniavsky (e-mail cherniavsky@un.org).

Second Committee

The Second Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 8 October 2012, at 10:00 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The Committee will first hear a keynote address by Professor James Robinson, David Florence Professor of Government at Harvard University, followed by the opening of its general debate.

The organization of work and the status of documentation for the session are contained in documents A/C.2/67/L.1 and A/C.2/67/L.1/Add.1, respectively. Background information and documentation relating to the work of the Second Committee are available at www.un.org/en/ga/second/index.shtml.

General debate and lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for the general debate and the debates on individual agenda items of the Second Committee are open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)). Deadline for inscription to the list of speakers for the general debate is 18:00 on Tuesday, 9 October 2012. Pursuant to General Assembly decision 65/530 on improving the working methods of the Second Committee, delegations are reminded that the time limits of *7 minutes* for individual Member States and *10 minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general debate, and the time limits of *5 minutes* for individual Member States and *7 minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during debates on individual agenda items, should be observed. The lists of speakers will be prepared on the basis of these time limits. Delegations wishing to have the texts of their statements circulated should provide 250 copies of the same to the Conference Room Officers.

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded, *as soon as possible*, to the Secretary of the Second Committee, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org; room IN-0620B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/67/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 8 October 2012, at 10:00 in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The organization of work and the status of documentation for the session are contained in documents A/C.3/67/L.1 and A/C.3/67L.1/Add.1, respectively. The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items of the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; cc: Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org)). In accordance with the established practice of the Committee, statements made during the general discussion under each agenda item or cluster of agenda items will be limited to *7 minutes* for individual delegations, and to *15 minutes* for statements made on behalf of a group of delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit. Delegations wishing to have the texts of their statements circulated should provide 250 copies of the same to the Conference Room Officers.

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail 3rdcommittee@un.org; room NL-1033 or IN-0603G)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/67/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the work of the Third Committee, including the provisional programme of work for the sixty-seventh session, is available at the following address: www.un.org/en/ga/third/index.shtml.

For inquiries regarding user names and passwords for Third Committee QuickPlace, please contact Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail 3rdcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4882).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on draft proposals should be sent to Ms. Patricia Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org). More information on the room reservations has been posted on the Third Committee Quickplace.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd and 3rd meetings on Friday, 5 October 2012, at 10:00 and 15:00 in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The Committee will also hold informal consultations (closed), in the morning, in Conference Room 5 (NLB), immediately following the adjournment of its 2nd meeting.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held on Monday, 8 October 2012, at 15:00 in Conference Room 3 (NLB), as follows: on Umoja/Enterprise resource planning (by Mr. Yukio Takasu, Under-Secretary-General for Management, and Mr. Ernesto Baca, Assistant Secretary-General, Umoja/ERP); and on human resources management (by Mr. Yukio Takasu, Under-Secretary-General for Management, and Ms. Catherine Pollard, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management).

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 8 October 2012, at 10:00 in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The provisional programme of work for the sixty-seventh session is available on the Web site of the Committee at the following address: www.un.org/ga/sixth/67/67_session.shtml.

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (e-mail sooksatan@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5378); or Ms. Maria Christina Kokojan (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4942; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Please note that during the first week, the Committee will deal with agenda items 105 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism), 83 (The rule of law at the national and international levels), 82 (Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization) and 76 (Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission).

Delegations are invited to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Patcharee Kosalvitr (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org, room M-13068A (380 Madison Avenue); fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/67/2 will be accepted by e-mail. Those delegations wishing to obtain a password for the e-Room (for the sixty-seventh session) and/or to register for the Sixth Committee e-mail contact list should include their e-mail addresses, or transmit them separately to the secretariat of the Committee, by e-mail (6thcommittee@un.org) or by fax (1 (212) 963-1963), with a clear indication in the subject line.

Please note that only delegates to the Sixth Committee will be granted access to the e-Room and/or be able to register for the Committee e-mail contact list. The list will be made available to all representatives on that list, upon request.

A PaperSmart Portal will be established for the entire session of the Sixth Committee and will be accessible on the Internet without restriction. Official documents for each meeting of the Committee will be available, for viewing or download, in all official languages, on the PaperSmart Portal. This will not affect the availability of the same documents on the Web site of the Committee. Electronic copies of statements to be made by delegations in the plenary of the Sixth Committee should be e-mailed to the PaperSmart team (papersmart@un.org), two hours in advance of their speaking slots, in order to allow for them to be available on the Portal at the time of delivery. Delegations are asked to provide only 30 hardcopies of their statements for the technical services.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 345th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Monday, 8 October 2012, at 10:30 in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 258th meeting (closed) of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Thursday, 11 October 2012, at 15:00 in Conference Room 6 (NLB). Delegations of Member States and observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Surya Sinha (e-mail sinha1@un.org; room M-13052; fax 1 (212) 963-6430). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations of Member States are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting. The provisional agenda presently consists of the following item: Election of two Vice-Chairs of the Committee.

Forthcoming other meetings

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International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties (geographical representation and gender balance; arrears; and plan of action)

Friday, 5 October 2012, from 10:00 to 13:00 in Conference Room D (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly (at the expert level)

Monday, 8 October 2012, from 13:15 to 14:30 in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 9 October 2012, from 15:00 to 18:00 in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Mason Group

Tuesday, 9 October 2012, from 08:30 to 09:30 in Conference Room 6 (NLB);

Tuesday, 16 October 2012, from 08:30 to 09:30 in Conference Room 6 (NLB);

Tuesday, 23 October 2012, from 08:30 to 09:30 in Conference Room 6 (NLB);

Tuesday, 30 October 2012, from 08:30 to 09:30 in Conference Room 6 (NLB); and

Tuesday, 6 November 2012, from 08:30 to 09:30 in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on reports before the Third Committee, under agenda item 28 (Advancement of women), and the General Assembly, under item 113 (Follow-up to the Millennium Summit) (organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women))

Friday, 5 October 2012, from 13:15 to 14:30 in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Rocío Torres, UN-Women (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org).]

High-level panel discussion on "Prevention of and responses to violence against children within the juvenile justice system" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Austria and Thailand, the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Office of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

Monday, 8 October 2012, from 13:15 to 14:30 in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations agencies and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact Ms. Chonvipat Changtrakul, Permanent Mission of Thailand (e-mail chonvipatc@hotmail.com; tel. 1 (917) 742-0665).]

Screening of the documentary film entitled "One Day After Peace" (followed by a panel discussion) (organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI))

Tuesday, 9 October 2012, from 18:15 to 20:15 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Shymaa El-Ansary, DPI (e-mail el-ansarys@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2753).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Eighth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2012/255 of 23 July 2012, the eighth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will be held from Monday, 15, to Friday, 19 October 2012, at the United Nations Office at Geneva. Background materials, including the provisional agenda and organization of work, are available on the Financing for Development Web site at www.un.org/esa/ffd/tax/eighthsession/. For further information, please contact the Acting Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Michael Lennard (email taxffdoffice@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5734).

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Monday, 8 October 2012 *(Spanish)*;

Monday, 15 October 2012 *(French)*; and

Tuesday, 16 October 2012 *(English)*.

Legal Library (from 16:00 to 17:00)

Tuesday, 9 October 2012 *(English)*.

General Assembly documentation (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 11 October 2012 *(English)*;

Friday, 12 October 2012 *(Spanish)*; and

Friday, 19 October 2012 *(French)*.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10:00 to 12:30)

Thursday, 18 October 2012 *(English)*.

United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBISnet) (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 23 October 2012 *(English)*.

Dag Hammarskjöld Library resources and databases (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 25 October 2012 *(English)*.

Advanced research using subscription databases (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 30 October 2012 *(English)*.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October 2012, in Conference Room E (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 16 October, from 10:00 to 13:00: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 16 October, from 15:00 to 18:00: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 17 October, from 10:00 to 13:00: *English*

Wednesday, 17 October, from 15:00 to 18:00: *French*

Thursday, 18 October, from 10:00 to 13:00: *Russian*

Thursday, 18 October, from 15:00 to 18:00: *Spanish*

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly contained in document A/67/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

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Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to dgacm-feedback@un.org.

2012 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, Bangkok, Thailand

The Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to developing countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues.

The Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific Group is scheduled to be held in Thailand in November 2012. The participants for this Regional Course have been selected from the following Members States of the Asia-Pacific Group: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Oman. Philippines, Qatar, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu and Viet Nam.

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is seeking contributions from Member States for the Regional Courses. For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6971).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 3 October 2012

Security Council

6842nd meeting *The question concerning Haiti*

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (S/2012/678)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Ecuador, Haiti, Japan, Mexico, Peru, Spain and Uruguay, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Mariano Fernandez, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Thomas Mayr-Harting, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Mariano Fernandez.

Statements were made by the President, His Excellency Harold Caballeros, speaking in his capacity as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, and by the representatives of the United States, Morocco, India, Germany, Azerbaijan, Pakistan, France, Portugal, China, Togo, Colombia, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the Russian Federation.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Haiti, Brazil, Uruguay (speaking on behalf of the Group of Friends of Haiti (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Guatemala, Peru, United States of America and Uruguay)), Canada and Chile.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Thomas Mayr-Harting (speaking on behalf of the European Union; the acceding country Croatia; the candidate countries The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Iceland and Serbia; and the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, which aligned themselves with this statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Peru, Japan, Argentina, Spain, Mexico and Ecuador.

Mr. Fernandez made further comments.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Ratification: Mauritania (3 October 2012)

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. New York, 20 December 2006

Ratification: Mauritania (3 October 2012)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Cameroon
His Excellency Michel Tommo Monthe

Asia-Pacific States:
Pakistan
His Excellency Abdullah Hussain Haroon

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
Her Excellency Edita Hrdá

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Nicaragua
Her Excellency María Rubiales de Chamorro

Western European and other States:
Austria
His Excellency Martin Sajdik

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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Web of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp.

Recorded information

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org· tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

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